

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Please cancel claims 2-4, 8 and 14-27 without prejudice;

Please amend claims 1, 12 and 13; and

Please add new claims 28-45.

List of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A hand-held disc storage, deployment and retrieval device, comprising:

a housing defining an interior cavity adapted to store a disc therein;

an aperture formed in the housing and configured for receiving the disc therethrough and into or out of the interior cavity; and

disc guide tracks formed in the housing for guiding the disc into and out of the interior cavity;

slider guide tracks formed in the housing above the disc guide tracks;
and

a manually-actuated slider disposed within the interior cavity and movable along the slider guide tracks between a disc deployment position wherein the disc within the interior cavity is moved by the slider through the aperture and out of the interior cavity, and a disc retrieval position wherein the disc is moved into the interior cavity;cavity;

wherein the slider includes a hook extending therefrom and resiliently pivotable along a vertical plane and configured to enter a central aperture of the disc from above the disc to retrieve the disc when the slider is moved into the disc retrieval position over at least a portion of the disc, and be forcibly removed from the disc aperture to release the disc when a pulling force is applied to the disc when the slider is in a disc deployment position.

2. - 4. Canceled

5. (previously presented) The device of claim 1, including a manually actuated lever-mechanism operably connected to the slider for deploying and retrieving the disc.

6. (previously presented) The device of claim 5, wherein the lever-mechanism includes a lever extending from the housing and connected to a pivot arm disposed within the housing and engagable with the slider for moving the slider between the deployment and retrieval positions.

7. (previously presented) The device of claim 6, wherein the lever travels along a slot formed in the housing, and wherein the pivot arm is pivotally connected to the housing.

8. Canceled

9. (previously presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the exterior conformation of the housing is configured to interlock with the exterior conformation of a second housing stacked thereon.

10. (previously presented) The device of claim 9, wherein the housing includes a protuberance extending from a surface thereof, and a protuberance-accepting depression formed in a generally opposite surface thereof.

11. (previously presented) The device of claim 1, including means for locking the disc within the housing.

12. (currently amended) The device of claim 11 4, wherein the locking means comprises opposing apertures formed in the housing and alignable with a central aperture of the disc for acceptance of a locking pin therethrough.

13. (currently amended) The device of claim 12, including a case adapted for storing multiple housings therein in stacked relation with the locking pin extending from one end of the case, through the multiple housings and discs, ~~and out to~~ to an opposite end of the case.

14. - 27. Canceled

28. (new) The device of claim 10, wherein the protuberance comprises a raised lip surrounding a first aperture formed in the housing aligned with the disc aperture, and a second aperture formed in an opposite wall of the housing and adapted to receive a corresponding raised lip of the second housing stacked thereon.

29. (new) The device of claim 1, wherein the housing has a generally flat edge defining the disc receiving aperture, and a generally rounded edge at an end generally opposite the disc receiving aperture.

30. (new) The device of claim 1, including hand grip depressions formed in the housing.

31. (new) A hand-held disc storage, deployment and retrieval device, comprising:

a housing defining an interior cavity adapted to store a disc therein;
an aperture formed in the housing and configured for receiving the disc therethrough and into or out of the interior cavity;
disc guide tracks formed in the housing for guiding the disc into and out of the interior cavity

slider guide tracks formed in the housing above the disc guide tracks;
a manually-actuated slider disposed within the interior cavity and movable along the slider guide tracks between a disc deployment position wherein the disc within the interior cavity is moved by the slider through the

aperture and out of the interior cavity, and a disc retrieval position wherein the disc is moved into the interior cavity;

a manually actuated lever-mechanism operably connected to the slider for deploying and retrieving the disc; and

means for locking the disc within the housing, including opposing apertures formed in the housing and alignable with a central aperture of the disc for acceptance of a locking pin therethrough;

wherein the slider includes a hook extending therefrom and resiliently pivotable along a vertical plane, the hook being configured so as to enter a central aperture of the disc from above the disc to retrieve the disc when the slider is moved into the disc retrieval position over at least a portion of the disc, and be forcibly removed from the disc aperture to release the disc when a pulling force is applied to the disc when the slider is in a disc deployment position.

32. (new) The device of claim 31, wherein the lever-mechanism includes a lever extending from the housing and connected to a pivot arm disposed within the housing and engagable with the slider for moving the slider between the deployment and retrieval positions.

33. (new) The device of claim 32, wherein the lever travels along a slot formed in the housing, and wherein the pivot arm is pivotally connected to the housing.

34. (new) The device of claim 31, wherein the exterior conformation of the housing is configured to interlock with the exterior conformation of a second housing stacked thereon.

35. (new) The device of claim 34, wherein the housing includes a protuberance extending from a surface thereof, and a protuberance-accepting depression formed in a generally opposite surface thereof.

36. (new) The device of claim 35, wherein the protuberance comprises a raised lip surrounding a first aperture formed in the housing aligned with the disc aperture, and a second aperture formed in an opposite wall of the housing and adapted to receive a corresponding raised lip of the second housing stacked thereon.

37. (new) The device of claim 31, including a case adapted for storing multiple housings therein in stacked relation with the locking pin removably extending from one end of the case, through the multiple housings and discs, to an opposite end of the case.

38. (new) The device of claim 31, wherein the housing has a generally flat edge defining the disc receiving aperture, and a generally rounded edge at an end generally opposite the disc receiving aperture.

39. (new) The device of claim 31, including hand grip depressions formed in the housing.

40. (new) A hand-held disc storage, deployment and retrieval device, comprising:

a housing defining an interior cavity adapted to store a disc therein; first and second generally aligned apertures formed in opposite top and bottom walls of the housing and aligned with an aperture of the disc therein;

a raised lip extending outwardly from the circumference of the first aperture, wherein the raised lip of a first device is removably insertable into a second aperture of a second device in stacked relation to the device;

an aperture formed in a generally flat first end of the housing and configured for receiving the disc therethrough and into or out of the interior cavity;

a second end of the housing having a generally round configuration;

disc guide tracks formed in the housing for guiding the disc into and out of the interior cavity

slider guide tracks formed in the housing above the disc guide tracks; a manually-actuated slider disposed within the interior cavity and movable along the slider guide tracks between a disc deployment position wherein the disc within the interior cavity is moved by the slider through the aperture and out of the interior cavity, and a disc retrieval position wherein the disc is moved into the interior cavity;

wherein the slider includes a hook extending therefrom and resiliently pivotable along a vertical plane, the hook being configured so as to enter a central aperture of the disc from above the disc to retrieve the disc when the slider is moved into the disc retrieval position over at least a portion of the disc, and be forcibly removed from the disc aperture to release the disc when a pulling force is applied to the disc when the slider is in a disc deployment position.

41. (new) The device of claim 40, including a manually actuated lever-mechanism operably connected to the slider for deploying and retrieving the disc, including a lever extending from the housing and connected to a pivot arm disposed within the housing and engagable with the slider for moving the slider between the deployment and retrieval positions.

42. (new) The device of claim 41, wherein the lever travels along a slot formed in the housing, and wherein the pivot arm is pivotally connected to the housing.

43. (new) The device of claim 40, including means for locking the disc within the housing, including a locking pin extending through the aligned first and second housing apertures and the disc aperture.

44. (new) The device of claim 40, including a case adapted for storing multiple housings therein in stacked relation with a locking pin removably extending from one end of the case, through the multiple housings and discs, to an opposite end of the case.

45. (new) The device of claim 40, including hand grip depressions formed in the housing.